

**Robert Dinwiddie to George Washington, July 13, 1757,
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FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WILLIAMSBURG July 13th: 1757

SIR

I recd. yrs. of 27th. Ultio. As to Mr. Gun, if he rejects Lieuts. Pay, I shall not give him more, & I hear he is come down the Country.

I wrote You pretty fully by Jenkins to which be refer'd. I now send You 400 Arms, which with those You have will be sufficient to Arm the Draughts &c. they come in under the Care of Serjeant Fent, who appears to me to be a deserving Young Man, I therefore desire You to give him an Ensign's Commission. I now send You sixteen Blank Comissns to be fill'd up for Subalterns according to their merit, which You must be a better Judge of than I.— As I have not a Return of the Draughts from each County, I cannot tell their Numbers, but hope they are at least sufficient to compleat the eight Compas. remaing. in the Country; if enough for twelve Companies, that is, ten here besides those gone to So. Carolina, write me, & Yr. Opinion who shd. have Cpts. Comiss.

And after You have compleated the Company to 100 Men each in Rank & file, I desire You to detach Sufficient to Augusta, agreeable to the Disposition made by Ld. Loudoun; but as I remember, You thot. some other Places more proper (than were there determin'd on) for covering that Frontier, I refer that to You; & I think an Officer shou'd be sent there to

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supervise the whole; if You think Majr. Lewis a proper Person for that Service I agree to it —And the Men remaing. with You, You are to dispose of them in the most eligible Method for the Service & Protectn of the Inhabitants reserving sufficient to finish Fort Loudoun.

I wonder You did not send me Copy of Colo. Stanwix's Lr. to You.—I acknowledge I am surpriz'd at the long Time the Fort has been buildg. & hope You will with all possible Dispatch complete it.

I hope before this You have all the Draughts at Fort Loudoun, & put them in proper Order, after which read the Articles of War at the head of each Company—I observe what You write about the Militia their refractory Temper & not coming up properly provided according to Law which I shall particularly notice when they come to be paid; I think You had 100 Militia from Prince Wm., but I doubt not before this You have sent them all Home.

I approve of Yr. delivering some of the Ammuntn to the poor Inhabitants, as I doubt not Yr. frugality on that Head—I read Dr. Ross's Letter in regard to the Provisions delivered Ct. Dagworthy at Ft. Cumbld I have wrote fully to Govr. Sharpe on that Head; there can be no Objection to their replacing the other Species at Ft. Loudoun, that they do not find Fault with, & that of the Beef to be adjusted afterwards which You are to insist on.

I believe the Treasr. sent up 2000£ to pay the Draughts, as he had my Warrant for that Sum, wch was suppos'd here to be sufficient.—I know not what may be wanting to pay the Demands with You, on that Head You should be more explicit—Mr. Boyd had 6000 to pay the Arrears of the Regmt which with 2000 formerly paid the two Compas. sent to So. Caro. I understood from him wou'd pay the Arrears, & 4000 for Provisions, if deficient You shd. write how much, at same Time I think he had all that was sign'd.

The Guns at Co. Hunters cannot be paid at present, but 14 Great Guns mounted at Fort Loudoun I think will make a good Defence. I have been much fatigued in getting Goods for the Inds: wch I now send with Invo. under Cover to Mr. Atkin; if he he is gone open the Letter; & if he has appointed a Deputy deliver them to him; if Mr. Gist is the Person I think

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he must have Capts. Pay; but Mr. Atkin wrote me he expected Maryld. to contribute to the Charge at Present &c. as it's hard on this Cotry to be at the whole Expence—Whoever is left in trust by him must be particularly careful in keeping an exact Acct. to what Natn. of Inds. & at what Time the Goods are given to them—Mr. Atkin desired a B1 of Powder & Some Lead—which You are to supply.

It is not thot. necessary to have a Comissy. of Musters, as the Pay Mr. must make a Return of the Men as he pays them.

You see the great Confidence I place in You which I hope You will discharge with Care & Probity. —

I remain Sir Your hble Servant ROBT. DINWIDDIE